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FOR: TAXONOMIC IDENTIFICATION OF PATHOGENIC
MICROORGANISMS AND THEIR PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please amend Claim 76 as follows:

76. (Amended) A method for capture of a biological analyte onto a substrate wherein:
- (a) the ligands used are selected from the group consisting of: heme compounds, siderophores, polysaccharides, and peptides specific for outer membrane proteins, conjugated lipids prions, and microbial protein targets;
 - (b) the ligand is tethered at a distance of ~~at least fifteen~~ around forty Å from the substrate surface for the capture of microorganisms;
 - (c) the substrate is suitable for a column packing;
 - (d) the biological analytes are selected from the groups of: bacteria, viruses,